

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1st 1. A server system for accepting a request for reading
2 a file issued from a terminal of a user via network to read
3 out said requested file, and for transferring the file to
4 said terminal of the user, comprising:

5 identification information accepting means for
6 prompting a user to enter his/her identification information
7 and for accepting the entered user identification
8 information;

9 identification information storage means for storing
10 thereinto the accepted user identification information for
11 a predetermined time period; and

12 classification means for classifying the user specified
13 based on the accepted identification information into any
14 one of predetermined plural groups in accordance with a
15 counting result obtained by counting a number of the
16 identification information stored in the identification
17 information storage means, which is agreed with the
18 identification information of the user accepted by the
19 identification information accepting means.

1 2. A server system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
2 said plurality of groups are composed of a first group

3 and a second group; and

4 the classification means classifies the user specified
5 by the accepted identification information into the first
6 group in the case that the number of the identification
7 information agreed with the accepted identification
8 information is larger than, or equal to a predetermined
9 reference value and classifies the user specified by the
10 accepted identification information into the second group
11 in the case that the number of the identification information
12 agreed with the accepted identification information is
13 smaller than the predetermined reference value.

1 3. A server system as claimed in claim 2 wherein:

2 said server system is further comprised of:

3 log information recording means for recording thereon
4 information related to the request for reading the file
5 issued from the terminal of the user, which is accepted
6 by said server system; and

7 said log information recording means records thereinto
8 the terminal of the user who is classified into the second
9 group as a subject of the log information to be recorded.

1 4. A server system as claimed in claim 2 wherein:

2 said server system is further comprised of:

3 point applying means for applying an incentive point
4 to the user, from whose terminal when accepted a request

5 for reading a predetermined file issued; and
6 said point applying means makes the user classified
7 into the second group to be a point-applicable subject.

1 5. A program product capable of causing a server system
2 for accepting a request for reading a file issued from a
3 terminal of a user via network to read out said requested
4 file, and for transferring the file to said terminal of
5 the user, to execute the following processes:

6 an identification information accepting process for
7 prompting a user to enter his/her identification information
8 and for accepting the entered user identification
9 information;

10 an identification information storage process for
11 storing thereinto the accepted user identification
12 information for a predetermined time period; and

13 a classification process for classifying the user
14 specified based on the accepted identification information
15 into any one of predetermined plural groups in accordance
16 with a counting result obtained by counting a number of
17 the identification information stored in the identification
18 information storage means, which is agreed with the
19 identification information of the user accepted by the
20 identification information accepting means.

1 6. A program product as claimed in claim 5 wherein:

2 said plurality of groups are composed of a first group
3 and a second group; and

4 the classification means classifies the user specified
5 by the accepted identification information into the first
6 group in the case that the number of the identification
7 information agreed with the accepted identification
8 information is larger than, or equal to a predetermined
9 reference value and classifies the user specified by the
10 accepted identification information into the second group
11 in the case that the number of the identification information
12 agreed with the accepted identification information is
13 smaller than the predetermined reference value.

1 7. A program product as claimed in claim 6 wherein:

2 said program product further causes the server system
3 to execute:

4 a log information recording operation for recording
5 thereon information related to the request for reading the
6 file issued from the terminal of the user, which is accepted
7 by said server system; and

8 said log information recording means records thereinto
9 the terminal of the user who is classified into the second
10 group as a subject of the log information to be recorded.

1 8. A program product as claimed in claim 6 wherein:

2 said program product further causes the server system

3 to execute:
4 a point applying operation for applying an incentive
5 point to the user, from whose terminal when accepted a request
6 for reading a predetermined file issued; and
7 said point applying means makes the user classified
8 into the second group to be a point-applicable subject.